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STOCKPILE ACCEPTS CRUDE IODINE OFFERS

Ft. Belvoir, VA - The Defense National Stockpile Center today announced the award of approximately 275,000 pounds of crude iodine for an approximate value of \$1.5 million. Offers were received on November 12, 2003 under Solicitation of Offers DLA-IODINE-004. Awards were made to:

Dewey Chemical Oklahoma City, OK

SQM North America Atlanta, GA

West Agro, Inc. Des Plaines, IL

Crude iodine is offered for sale by negotiation on a quarterly basis. The next offering will be announced at a later date.

For copies of the solicitation or Amendment No. 001 please visit our website https://www.dnsc.dla.mil. For other inquiries call James Greczek at (703) 767-6476.

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